

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH

“Two Churches, One Parish”

Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sept. 23, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

TUES	Sept 25	06:00 pm	STL	NO MASS
WED	Sept 26	06:30 am	STL	NO MASS
THUR	Sept 27	09:30 am	ENH	NO MASS
FRI	Sept 28	07:30 am	SJV	NO MASS
SAT	Sept 29	05:00 pm	SJV	Sandra Farney †
SUN	Sept 30	09:00 am	STL	A Mass for Healing & Recovery

Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 am at STL

Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Susie Beying, Doris Blockburger, Ellen Boudreaux, Joe Brose, Carl Davidson, Georgia Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Pete Gwartney, Alan Halstead, Marly Heim, Frank Heintzelman, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Melanie Herken, Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Arlene Jennings, Michael Jones, Margie Kramer, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long, Matt David Massoth, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Kay Nocktonick, Adam Pineau, Mike Pursel, Mary M. Ruhlman, Irene Schmidling, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim (Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Merlin Wagner, Louise Wistuba and Nick Yuska.

Prayer List for Our Soldiers: ARMY: 2LT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, Lexi (Skaggs) Hargis, Major Bryan Herken, PFC Colby Seifert, William Stradley. AIRFORCE: E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT Scott Loecher, E-1 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. NAVY: ADDA Jason P. Herken, YN2-SS Kevin Lansing.

Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS – Sept. 29th and 30th

			EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	LECTORS	OFFERTORY
SAT	SJV	5:00 pm	Rita Herken, Carol Kroll, Robert Jardon	Rita Herken	Claire Heim and family
SUN	STL	9:00 am	Ted & Dawn Staver, Sharon Wagner	Dawn Staver	Kevin Adalaine and family

OUR PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! We received \$2092, which includes \$30 mass stipend, \$20 Mission Coop and \$20 St. Joseph Cemetery, and last week's on-line collection of \$5. Thank you for your generosity. Visit our website OR Facebook page to click on the link to donate on-line!

NO WEEKDAY MASSES: Please note that there will be no weekday masses this week.

ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: *One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ*, officially began **June 23rd and 24th**. **The parish** is forming a committee for the Archdiocesan-Wide Capital Campaign comprise of two members from the Parish Pastoral Council, two members from the Parish Finance Council, and two parishioners from at large. **We have one volunteer, and are still looking for one more. Please let us know immediately if you are interested in serving on this committee.**

AFTER MASS COLLECTION will be held on Sunday, **Oct. 7**, Respect Life Sunday for Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. after all Masses that weekend. Birthright is an international Pro-Life pregnancy service. All the workers are volunteers and all services are free. All donations are used to operate the local center, educate the volunteers, and provide services to women, to include: pregnancy tests, maternity and baby clothes, and information about area agencies. We encourage the woman to carry her baby to term. Birthright is a non-profit organization with tax exempt status from the IRS. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. For more information check out our website, www.birthright.org.

RUG MISSING! If you know what happened to the rug for the west Hall door at St. Lawrence please call 913-773-8303. Thanks!

THANK YOU to all who donated food and other personal essentials to the Leavenworth Catholic Charities during the month of August. Our gifts of 44 lbs. of food helped serve part of the 604 households that this charity provided for. Thank you for your continued generosity.

OTHER NEWS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

REPORTING ABUSE: The Archdiocese remains committed to investigating any allegation of abuse of a minor made against any member of the clergy or any church employee or volunteer — no matter the age of the incident or the current age of the victim. Individuals are encouraged to call the confidential report line at (913) 647-3051 (or visit archkck.org/reportabuse) to make a report to Jan Saylor, archdiocesan report investigator, and to call law enforcement directly. If a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, call 911.

DO YOU HAVE TO BE RELIGIOUS TO BE PRO-LIFE?

From a scientific perspective, what fundamentally constitutes an organism as a certain type of “being” is its genetic structure. Trees have tree DNA. Dogs have canine DNA. And humans have human DNA. Humans receive their basic genetic structure at the moment of conception. Written into the single fertilized cell possessing 46 chromosomes is all the information that the human zygote will need to grow towards full development. No other extraneous genetic material will ever be needed. Science tells us, therefore, that from the moment of conception we have a genetically living human being (and the “development” continues throughout life until death). This means that human life is to be respected and protected; it is not to be taken capriciously, especially from the innocent. You certainly don't have to be religious to understand the critical importance and dignity of human life. Even most atheists can agree to this basic idea. But let's say that my Christian belief is the sole grounding for my opposition to abortion. Would this be so bad? Would I be “imposing” my beliefs on others

to say that abortion is immoral? Think throughout the history of America ---- many if not most of those who opposed slavery and championed human rights were Christian believers who allowed their faith to guide their opposition to evil. Think of Harriet Beecher Stowe, William Lloyd Garrison, and the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Should their opposition to moral evil have been dismissed because of their religious beliefs? Of course not.

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, now until Sept. 28. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray to receive weekly email or text reminders, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade!

SACRED WHEELS Car Show & Mexican Dinner will be held at St. Joseph Church, 8th & Spring Garden, Atchison, KS on **Sept. 23rd**. Dinner served 11 am-2 pm, cost \$8 adults/ \$4 children. For more info visit <http://stbenedictatchison.org>.

VILLAGE FIRE: All are invited to join in an evening of prayer and worship! If you have any questions, call the Office of Evangelization at 913.647.0373. Calling the Called, **Sept 25th** from 7-9, Holy Trinity Catholic campus, Lenexa. We are going to praise our Lord. All are welcome!

“LIVING IN LOVE” RETREAT: You can sign up now for the “Living in Love” retreat at Prince of Peace Parish, Olathe, **Sept. 29-30**. Register online at www.archkck.org/LivingInLove or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

FALLFEST by Sacred Heart-St. Casmir with Turkey-Ham Dinner, Silent Auction, Country Store, DJ, Games for Kids, Raffles. Please join us Sunday, **Sept. 30th**, 1130 am to 3 pm at 1405 2nd Ave, Leavenworth. Call 913-772-1787 for additional info.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

Thursday, **Oct. 4th** is the feast day of the patron saint of God's Creation: Saint Francis of Assisi. A good way to honor the *Il Poverello* is to come together with fellow Catholics, answering the call of the Holy Father's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. There will be a presentation on St. Francis and Catholic teaching on caring for the earth. The event will be held on **Oct. 4th** at 7:00 PM in Robert Martz Hall at St. Francis de Sales Church, 900 Ida Street in Lansing, Kansas. All are welcome!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: St. Patrick Church (south of Atchison – 19384 234th Road, Atchison) will have a gathering of animals and owners for a group blessing at 1:30 pm on **Oct. 7th**. For additional information call 913-367-1055.

FALL BAZAAR: St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 209 3rd St, Perry KS invite you to attend their Turkey or Ham dinner (plus homemade pie) from 11 am-2:30 pm. Adults \$10; Child \$5 (10 & under). There will be games, bingo, cakewalk, Country Store. Raffle and Silent Auction too!

CHRISTMAS HISTORIC HOMES TOUR (Atchison KS) on Saturday, **Nov. 17**. Tour includes five beautifully decorated homes for the holidays and two historic museums. Ticket price is \$35.00 per person and includes lunch. Children 12 and up may attend with a purchased ticket. A craft and bake sale will be held at the school. For information, call Amanda at 913-360-0342 or email christmashomestour@benedictine.edu (Credit cards are accepted over the phone.) All proceeds go to Saint Benedict Catholic School.

PLEASE NOTE – There are a large number of other Archdiocesan announcements that could not fit in the space available. They will be posted on our church website listed above as a 2nd page to this bulletin.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email Sjslparish@gmail.com. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

HIRING FOR DIRECTOR OF MISSION AND SERVICE POSITION:

Benedictine College is currently hiring for our Director of Missions and Service position. The director will institute foreign and domestic mission trips and service programs that train students to be disciples in the modern world and advance the mission of the Church in the world through the study and implementation of the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the call for a New Evangelization. This position will train students to effectively develop, lead, and participate in projects that advance Gospel values. If you would like to see the full job listing and details or to apply, please go to: <https://benedictine.edu/jobs/director-missions-service>. If you have any other questions that cannot be answered through this link, feel free to contact Kevin Brown, the Director of College Ministry at kbrown@benedictine.edu.

2018 DEACON INFORMATION NIGHTS The archdiocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is offering a series of Information Nights this fall at the following locations:

- Monday, **September 24**, Cathedral of St. Peter in KCK*
- Tuesday, **October 16**, St. Benedict in Atchison
- Wednesday, **October 24**, Corpus Christi in Lawrence

All information nights begin at 7:00 p.m. Locations with an asterisk * will have a Spanish-language interpreter. Everyone who is interested in learning more about the diaconate and the details of our archdiocesan formation program are welcome to attend. Those who believe the Lord may be calling them to serve the Church as deacons (“inquirers”) will be given resources to assist in their discernment. Spouses are strongly encouraged to attend. Attendance at an information night of the inquirer’s choosing is required for those who intend to apply for admission to the diaconate program. For more information, email leons@archkck.org, call (913) 647-0358, or visit www.archkck.org/deacons.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE: Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, host of the daily More 2 Life radio show on EWTN radio, authors of For Better Forever, a Catholic Guide to Lifelong Marriage, will present a Marriage Enrichment Conference at St. Michael the Archangel parish on Saturday, **Oct. 6**, 2018. The conference begins with Mass at 8:15am and concludes at 11:45am.

HOLY HOUR AND ROSARY FOR CHURCH HEALING AND GUIDANCE.

Archbishop Naumann will celebrate two Eucharistic holy hours for the healing of all affected by sexual abuse in the Church as well as for wisdom and guidance for the Church’s leaders in response to the sexual abuse crisis. On **Oct. 7**, at 2 p.m. at Queen of the Holy Rosary in Overland Park, and at 7 p.m. at Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be accompanied by the Rosary as well as a brief catechetical talk on Mary as Mother of the Church. All who have suffered abuse and all who wish to join together in prayer for the purification and healing of the Church are encouraged to attend. Mary, Help of Christians and Mother of the Church, pray for us!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK Oct. 7 – 13. Pope Francis has been very open about his mental health treatment received in the 1970s. It’s not surprising that our holy Pontiff has the confidence to share his need for support and guidance from a mental health professional. Pope Francis is the world’s most sought out Religious leader. His simplicity, humility, and transparency is the model for reducing guilt and stigma that obstruct the graces of God’s healing.

Please join us in the celebration of Mass as we pray for a united and compassionate community and receive the sacrament of anointing to ease the burdens of stress, grief and loss, depression, and anxiety. **Oct. 6**, 8:00 A.M. at St Paul Church, 900 S. Honeysuckle, Olathe, KS 66061

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change.

Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced; who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **Oct. 12-14** at Sanctuary of Hope, Kansas City, KS. For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Lori 913-980-7966.

DEAF RETREAT: Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, is pleased to announce there will be a Deaf Retreat at St. Lawrence Center at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, on **October 13th**. The cost for the retreat is \$10, and the retreat will be from 8:30 AM to 5 PM with Sue Gudenkauf as the speaker. After the retreat, Deaf Mass begins at 5:30 PM with a social after Mass. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, want to register, or have questions, please RSVP to Katie Locus at deafministry@archkck.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY BREATHE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

Saturday, **Oct. 20**, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic School, 8101 West 95th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. BREATHE Respite Care provides the gift of time away from caregiving for families who have a loved one with a disability age 5 and older. VOLUNTEERS are needed for the program. Please prayerfully consider offering your time. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Tom Racunas, Archdiocese Lead Consultant of the Special Needs Ministry, at 913.647.3054 or by email at tracunas@archkck.org or Staci Gonzalez, Archdiocese Respite Care Coordinator at sgonzalez@archkck.org. To register a loved one or to volunteer please go to www.archkck.org/specialneeds and complete the on-line forms.

2018 RESPECT LIFE MASS will be held Sunday, **Oct. 21st**, at 12:00 P.M. Light reception to follow Mass, at The Cure’ Of Ars, 9401 Mission Road, Leawood, Ks 66206. Please join Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann for a

celebration of Mass for Respect Life Month. For questions or more information contact prolife@archkck.org At 1:00 pm, there will be a fun festival and lunch will follow. The festival will have community vendors, free lunch, a live band and inflatables for kids! All we ask is that you please bring a new or gently used baby item to donate! For questions or more information contact prolife@archkck.org.

DEAF EVENT (American Sign Language Course)

Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, is pleased to announce we will be hosting a 4-week ASL course at St. Paul Catholic Church in Olathe, Kansas, to take place on the following dates: **Oct. 18 & 25, Nov. 1 & 8**. The classes are free, and will be from 7 PM to 8 PM. Please follow the signs to find the classroom. Families are welcome. If you want to attend, RSVPs to Katie Locus at deafministry@archkck.org is encouraged but not required.

GAUDEAMUS: The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) will present its 16th Gaudeamus (“Let us Rejoice”) Awards Dinner on **Oct. 20**, at the Overland Park Convention Center. CEF helps fund scholarships in 22 of the 43 Catholic schools in our Archdiocese, allowing local students with financial need to attend Catholic schools. Tickets and sponsorships (which include tables for 10 guests) are available now. The evening includes a pre-event reception, dinner and a live band. For registration information, visit www.cefks.org or call 913-721-1574. Please plan to attend and see firsthand the impact these scholarships have in our Archdiocese.

2018 RED MASS will be at 6:00 p.m., Friday, **Oct. 26**, at Church of the Nativity, 3800 West 119th St, Leawood. Reception will follow. If you have questions, please email The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at cfnek@archkck.org or call 913-647-3062.

MASS OF INNOCENTS: Sunday, **Oct. 28**, 12:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, Overland Park, KS. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann will celebrate a commemorative Mass for all children lost during pregnancy or in early infancy. This Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation, whether the loss was recent or many years ago. Though you may not have personally experienced this kind of loss, you are invited to come and support those who have through your prayers and presence. For questions or more info, contact Brad DuPont at 913-647-0301 or bdupont@archkck.org

RCYC 2018 “CRAFTED AND WORTHY”: Join 100s of ArchKCK youth at the 2nd Rural Catholic Youth Conference **Nov. 17-18** at Topeka’s Capitol Plaza Hotel. This dynamic two-day conference features national speakers, The Mikey Needleman Band, Mass, adoration, breakouts, spectacular food, evening social and more! Final registration is due October 1st.

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Ignite Rally in Topeka, and March for Life to the Kansas capital with Kansans for Life – **Jan. 22**, 2019, at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 8:30am. Featuring David Scotten “I Lived on Parker Avenue” and the Wichita Adore Ministries! Visit www.archkck.org/ignite for more information and ticket details.

SAVE THE DATE- JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLY: Please save the date, **Feb. 24th, 2019**, for the Jr. High Youth Rally at Prairie Star Ranch, featuring Steve Angrisano & the Mikey Needleman Band.

SPRING ICSC REGION IX CONFERENCE 2019: Please mark your calendars for the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Region IX Spring Conference. What a great opportunity to “spring” into stewardship action! It will be **April 11 and 12**, 2019 in Wichita, KS at the Spiritual Life Center, 7100 E 45th St N, Bel Aire, KS, 67226 (316)744-0167. More details to follow. Please contact Leslie Knop with any questions at (913) 647-0326, or email her at lknop@archkck.org.

MARRIAGE MINUTE: Can I “take” your order?

Since the fall of Adam and Eve, we have a view of God that he wants to take from us instead of give to us. We can think he wants to take freedom instead of give it. God is pure gift, so all he does is ordered to our good. When we adopt God’s “order” of life, we receive the gift of peace. St. James reminds us this week that when we treat God like a loving Father instead of a despot, his peace flows abundantly. If you need some of God’s gift of peace, try prioritizing:

- family Mass attendance above all else on Sunday
- your marriage and family above outside commitments
- time for prayer above entertainment
- family meals above 30 more minutes at work

As we seek God’s priorities, He gives us his peace ☐:
www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

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